GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3216
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CONTRACTS FOR HANDLING OF FOODGRAINS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India have been awarding contractsto various parties for handling and transportation of foodgrains in its depots in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any disputes in some depots over the manner in which contracts have been awarded in gross violation of norms laid down;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): The handling and transport contractors are appointed through open tender enquiry at most competitive rates in accordance with the procedure and rules as prescribed in Storage & Contract Manual and other guidelines issued from time to time.

(c) to (e): The handling transport contracts are awarded by the competent authority as per powers vested with them. Any dispute arising thereof is settled by them as per the terms and conditions of the contract. Wherever gross violation of procedure or rules is established in award of a contract, suitable disciplinary action is taken for fixing the responsibility, as per Vigilance Manual of FCI. However, no specific instance has been quoted in the question for gross violation of norms in award of contracts.